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THORBURN'S

POT-GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

The ease with which strawberries may be grown is fast becoming known throughout the country and this branch of gardening is getting to be more and more popular every day.

SHALL IT BE POT-GROWN OR LAYER PLANTS?

True, pot-grown are more expensive, but in the end it is cheaper to buy them. First of all, there is practically no danger of damage in transit, as the earth is securely packed around the roots of each individual plant. Then again, consider the resulting crop. The year after planting the ordinary layer kind, the yield is only a partial one—whereas with the pot-grown plants, practically a full crop is obtained the very next season. An important point in favor of the pot-grown is that transplanting does not retard their growth. Taking all in all, we recommend that *you* plant the pot-grown.

CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

The Strawberry may be grown to perfection on any land that will produce a crop of potatoes, corn, peas or other vegetables. Almost any soil will answer, but we must remember that the best results are obtained from a dark, rich loose loam with a clay sub-soil. When grown on land of this kind, the fruit is larger and of better color and flavor. Strawberries should not be planted on newly ploughed sod ground, nor in land that water remains on after rain. Such land bakes, and consequently the soil is coarse and lumpy.

The plants should be set 15 inches apart, in rows 2 feet apart; 100 plants will set out four rows, 30 feet long. For horse cultivation they should be set 2 feet apart in rows 3 feet apart. Firm the plants well in the soil, keep thoroughly cultivated and cut off all runners. In the middle of December cover the beds to a depth of 3 inches with salt meadow hay, straw or leaves. In April, as soon as they show an indication of growth, push the covering away from the plants to allow them to come up through. This "mulching" protects the plants from the cold in winter and the heat in summer, keeps the fruit clean and prevents the growth of weeds.



Blossoms of a Staminate or Perfect Strawberry Plant

Perfect versus Imperfect Flowering Strawberries

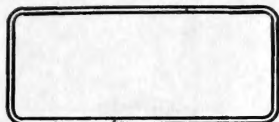
The blossoms of Strawberries are either staminate (perfect flowering), or are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate (imperfect flowering). Pistillate varieties must have a row of some perfect flowered sort, flowering at the same time, planted every 4 or 6 feet apart from them; or, better still, every third or fourth plant in the row, to pollenize their blossoms. When properly pollenized the pistillate varieties are usually the most prolific.



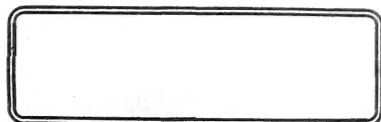
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EXTRA EARLY

Jessie. (Perfect Flowers.) An excellent berry for home use or for market. The fruit is light crimson in color, firm, very large and delicious. Exceedingly productive.

Success. (Perfect Flowers.) While this is one of the earliest, it holds out well throughout the Strawberry season—the last berries coming in with the later varieties. The berries are beautiful in appearance, large, slightly conical in form and colored a bright scarlet. The flavor is in every case very choice—mild, yet sweet and rich. The plant is a vigorous grower, free from rust and very productive. This is the best extra early berry.

EARLY

Clyde. (Perfect Flowers.) The foliage of this variety will sometimes give way about fruiting time, yet as the berry is of excellent flavor, firm and a good shipper, it is extensively used and conceded to be the Southern favorite. It is a vigorous grower and does well in practically all parts of the country.

Glen Mary. (Perfect Flowers.) The wonderfully luscious fruit of this variety is quite large, nearly round and uniform in shape. The plants are strong and robust growers with clean and healthy foliage. One of its many good points is that the last of the fruit is quite as large as the first that ripens. An excellent variety for both home and market growers, but we do not recommend planting it in the extreme South.

Senator Dunlap. (Perfect Flowers.) For the beginner whose gardening knowledge is perhaps not replete with the why's and wherefor's of strawberry growing, we would recommend this variety. The firm fruit of this delicious tasting berry is good sized and handsome in appearance. The Senator Dunlap will ripen a good crop under almost any condition of drought or neglect. It is one of the best kinds for canning. The bloom is exceedingly rich in pollen, making it a very valuable sort for planting with pistillate varieties. The fruiting season is very long.

MID-SEASON

Brandywine. (Perfect Flowers.) An excellent tasting berry that will succeed on any soil. The fruit is large and handsome in appearance, roundish conical in shape and colored a glossy crimson. The flesh is firm and the shape more uniformly good than that of any of the larger varieties. A prolific sort with a long fruiting season.

Bubach. (Imperfect Flowers.) One of the old standard, heavy-yielding varieties. The berries are large and firm, finely flavored and dark red in color. Abundant foliage protects the plant and renders it less liable to damage through drought. The fruit is attractive in appearance and it is a valuable sort for market growing. Plants should be set out only in connection with the perfect flowering kind.

Marshall. (Perfect Flowers.) The enormous sized fruit of this berry is handsome in appearance and colored a glossy dark crimson. It is without a doubt the finest flavored berry, and this coupled with its enormous size, long since made it the standard fancy berry. It is perhaps not quite as productive as some, but what is lacked in number is more than made up in size, quality and appearance. We recommend it as being one of the best varieties.

McKinley. (Perfect Flowers.) The extra large berries of this type are wonderfully sweet in flavor and generally conical in shape, though sometimes rather flat. The plant is a vigorous grower and a great yielder. The fact that the berries are only moderately firm, while prohibiting their being shipped to any great extent, makes them excellent for garden culture.

New York. (Perfect Flowers.) Immense dark scarlet berries changing to crimson when fully ripe. Roundish, conical shaped, of handsome form. Remarkably sweet flavored and one of the best varieties for private or market gardeners. The seeds are so near the same color of the berry and so deeply set that they are hardly noticeable.

Oom Paul. (Perfect Flowers.) Stupendous in size, delicious in flavor, nice shape, elegant color and a good shipper. The plant is a very sturdy grower. One of its many good points is that the last of the picking never runs small. This berry is very desirable for both market and home gardens.

President. (Imperfect Flowers.) Almost round, uniform in shape, solid flesh without any pithy core; color rich crimson. The plants are strong growers, producing an abundance of thick heavy foliage that is dark green in color and stands very erect. Must be planted with a staminate variety.

Schofield. (Perfect Flowers.) A heavy producer of large bright red berries of fine quality. The foliage is large and a perfect type, growing tall and giving ample protection to both bloom and berry.

Uncle Jim. (Perfect Flowers.) (Sometimes called Dornan.) This plant produces its high quality, delicious-tasting berries in great profusion. Unlike many berries of somewhat similar type it has red flesh when fully ripe; its firmness and superior quality make it an excellent variety for canning. The fruit stalks are very stout, and when borne down, berries do not lie and rot on the under side, like some large sorts, before they are large enough to pick. It is preeminently a variety for the home garden.

Wm. Belt. (Perfect Flowers.) This variety is known as the standard for high quality; its rather long, large, conical shaped fruit is a brilliant glossy red. It is a heavy yielder and the berries ripen all over without green tips. This berry is exceedingly valuable either for home or for market purposes. No other variety ever produced so many exceedingly large berries.

LATE

Bederwood. (Perfect Flowers.) This variety is exceedingly popular in the West and its very long and sturdy roots, which extend deep into the soil, enable it to endure dry weather far better than most varieties. The plants themselves are very hardy and will produce a large crop of medium sized fruit. This is an old variety and succeeds well on most any good land. A splendid pollinizer.

Commonwealth. (Perfect Flowers.) A comparatively new and distinct variety. The fruit is large, conical, dark rich red, glossy, fancy, firm and of good quality. The plants are good growers but have a very moderate root system compared with their robust appearance above ground. It is one of the very latest to bear and is fruiting its best when the majority of berries are gone. This berry is very productive.

Gandy. (Perfect Flowers.) A well known standard market berry; a handsome glossy crimson berry of fine form and flavor. The plants are strong and compact growers and produce large sized regular berries right up to the last picking. This variety should not be planted on dry sandy soil but it will thrive on practically every other kind of land. It is one of the best market sorts.

Hunn. (Imperfect Flowers.) This berry is quite productive and of large uniform shape. The flesh is very firm and dark crimson in color. Its is excellently flavored and the plants are vigorous growers. A very late type. Should be planted with staminate.

New Home. (Perfect Flowers.) The fruit is bright red and does not lose its lustre or turn dark after having been picked a considerable time—consequently it is an excellent shipper. The berries are uniformly large sized and they are so firm and the keeping qualities so good as to not require picking more than two or three times a week.

Nick Ohmer. (Perfect Flowers.) The fruit is of the very largest size—truly a giant among strawberries. It is a dark glossy red with firm and sweetly flavored flesh. It is an excellent variety for home use or for market and is continually being used in exhibitions. Its fruiting season is very long.

Sample. (Imperfect Flowers.) The berries are large, bright red, and have a smooth glossy appearance. It is without doubt the most beautiful of the late berries and one of the largest and most prolific. It ripens very evenly. This berry is a great yielder and succeeds in most parts of the country. Should be planted with staminate.

Silver Coin. (Perfect Flowers.) A very productive delicious flavored berry. The fruit is large, bluntly conical in form and colored a brilliant red. It is unexcelled as a shipper and keeper. This is perhaps the most uniformly shaped berry there is.

For prices on above berries see top of preceding page.

Fall Fruiting Berries **AMERICUS.**

Having an abundant supply of delicious strawberries from the latter part of August until frost without the aid of hot houses, is now possible. One of science's new innovations is the Fall Fruiting Berry, Americus.

The Americus is the best of the Fall Fruiting sorts. It is a perfect flowering variety, and does not require the planting of any other sort near it in order to produce fruit. You should cut all blossoms off until August 1st, so as to insure the plants having ample nourishment for the Fall crop.

The taste is wondrously sweet and tempting—the size is medium, but naturally smaller than the June type. These berries are exceedingly valuable for the home garden—and even more so for the market gardener on account of the fancy prices they command at that season of the year.

We would recommend that *you* plant some in *your* garden.

Best quality pot-grown plants, 20c each, \$2.00 per doz., \$12.00 per 100.